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Marines complete evacuation

BEIRUT, Lebanon—The U.S. Marines pulled out of Beirut on Sunday and an hour later the battleship New Jersey turned its big guns on Syrian anti-aircraft guns that had fired on a U.S. reconnaissance jet.

The jet was not hit and no Syrian casualties were reported in the fire from the New Jersey's 16-inch guns, the largest on any ship in the world.

Fighting between the Moslems and Christians kept up all day along the "green line" that divides Beirut and police said 13 people were killed and 47 wounded. The fighting has mounted steadily since Friday's short-lived Saudi-mediated cease-fire.

The evacuation of about 1,000 Marines began just after midnight Sunday and was completed in about 12 hours, with the front-line combat companies Echo and Fox being lifted out by helicopter.

With the Marines, the Italians and the British gone, only a 1,500-member French contingent is left in the Multinational Force in Beirut. It is deployed along the green line.

From the nation...

Hart, Glenn vie for second place

CONCORD, N.H.—Sen. Gary Hart, buoyed by a poll pointing to a surge in New Hampshire, predicted Sunday that he will take second place in the state's lead-off primary and emerge as front runner Walter Mondale's prime challenger for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Sen. John Glenn, seen for a year as Mondale's principal rival, was less than certain that he can turn back Hart's challenge. "I think we can," he said as he and several other contenders campaigned via network television interview programs.

Two days before the primer render their verdict, all the polls and all the pundits agreed—Mondale will win the primary Tuesday.

As the first primary state, New Hampshire gave Mondale a chance to add strong victory in last Monday's Iowa caucuses and solidify his claim as the Democratic front-runner.

A new poll by The Washington Post and ABC said Mondale had the support of 36 percent of the voters, compared with 24 percent for Hart and 14 percent for Glenn.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson got 7 percent; former Sen. George McGovern, 5 percent; Hollings, 4 percent; Sen. Alan Cranston, 1 percent; and former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew, less than 1 percent.

From the state...

School attempts to start anew

The American Psychological Association has issued a statement that says the psychological effects of the school shooting in San Diego are "serious and long-lasting." The statement says that the school should be closed for a period of time to allow the children to grieve and to allow the school to be rebuilt.

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Some of the students who were in the room when the shooting took place are now being treated in the hospital. The school official said that the school is being closed for a period of time to allow the children to grieve and to allow the school to be rebuilt.

Three hours later, police closed the school and took the children into a bus. The school official said that the school is being closed for a period of time to allow the children to grieve and to allow the school to be rebuilt.

"I'm worried about the psychological effects this will have on the children," said school principal Charles Jackson on Saturday. "We've got a job to put things back together now. But it won't be easy."



Mustang Daily—Evelyn True

Former Secretary of the Interior James Watt impressed a Cal Poly audience of about 600 Thursday night with humor and sentimental appeals during a panel discussion led by representatives from the Sierra Club and Poly faculty.

Watt addresses a crowd of 600

by Catherine Aaron
Staff Writer

James Watt, the controversial former U.S. Secretary of the Interior, spoke to a crowd of over 600 at Cal Poly Thursday night.

Outside in the University Union several people carried picket signs with anti-Watt slogans while others sold anti-Reagan campaign buttons.

A mixture of applause and boos followed Watt's introduction, to which Watt replied with a smile, "I guess if I don't get a few hisses and boos tonight you'll be missing my great skill."

In his opening remarks Watt discussed the evening's theme "The Raging Controversy: Preservation vs. Development." He traced the debate back to 1823, when aristocrat John Quincy Adams determined that the best use for the lands under the Louisiana Purchase would be to retain them under federal ownership. Andrew Jackson fought to let the people have access to their lands, and thus the debate has raged almost 200 years.

"In October of 1981 the Sierra Club brought forth a resolution with over a million signatures calling for the resolution of old Jim Watt, because he wanted policies that took land from the 'haves' and gave them to the 'have nots,'" Watt explained.

"America is wealthy in beauty and grandeur...all Americans have the right to enjoy its vast uses," he said.

The Secretary of the Interior is entrusted with the management of one third of America's land so everyone benefits from it and Watt asked, "Should we have a strict, all-powerful government running the lands, or give some power over to industry and state governments? Is there conflict? You bet."

Watt said he was confronted with over 240 special interest groups threatening, "If you don't do it our way, you're a traitor to the United States."

"We have to maintain military security, protect endangered species, dam rivers and store the water and so much more. There's tremendous conflict."

Watt said his major accomplishment while in office was improving the facilities of our national parks even though the previous administration (Carter's) cut national park funding in half.

"That makes me mad," said Watt, scowling. "It makes me mad to tell you about it. It's so stupid. Where was the outcry? Well, I cared. And the president cared."

Watt's billion dollar program quadrupled restoration and maintenance programs to improve the parks. "There was a lot of criticism that we weren't acquir-

ing lands at the rate we could be. At that time there was a recession, so we had no economic strength. In 1983, however, I acquired more new lands in one year than any other secretary of the interior ever did since 1867, when Alaska was purchased," Watt boasted.

Concerning the nation's energy situation Watt recommended that America invest in research for all kinds of energy—coal, gas, solar, nuclear and wind.

"America is vulnerable, it needs energy as its Achilles heel to maintain and enhance life," he said.

The evening wasn't without humor. Music from the Beach Boys played loudly before the program started.

Viewpoints opposing Watt's were voiced by a three-member panel of Cal Poly professors and local planner before Watt addressed questions from the audience.

After Watt's introductory comments, Raymond F. Zeuschner, Cal Poly's director of forensics introduced the panel, by saying jokingly that it consisted of "two Democrats, a Republican, an Asian and I wear braces," in the style of Watt's comment that finally forced him to resign last October.

The first panelist to speak was John Ashbaugh, a San Luis Obispo planner active in the Sierra Club. Ashbaugh severely criticized Watt in three areas, starting with the national parks.

Watt seems very proud of the fact that he fixed a few roads and sewers, but I think this generation expects a little more...I don't think he deserves any credit for that," Ashbaugh said.

Ashbaugh also criticized Watt's opposition to urban parks. He said Watt had driven up the cost of purchasing lands and created a hardship on private property owners.

Watt's Wilderness Protection Act, which would prohibit leasing to oil and gas companies through the year 2000 was also under fire, as was what Ashbaugh called Watt's "great coal leasing giveaway."

Ashbaugh concluded with the question, "Since you have resigned, Ronald Reagan has tried to portray a new, polished image with environmentalists...is it too late now for Reagan to paint over this tarnished record?"

"You have a few seconds to respond to that Mr. Watt," said Zeuschner.

"I think I'll save those last few seconds for students who can ask questions that would be more meaningful," Watt replied, smiling to another round of boos.

Political science professor Gerald Houseman opened his comments with the statement that it was appropriate that tickets for Watt's speech were sold at Cheap Thrills.

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You get what you pay for

Everything has its price. And, unfortunately, recreation and entertainment are no exceptions.

ASI President Jeff Sanders has recently announced details of an estimated \$12 million Intramural/Recreational Sports complex planned for the soccer field behind the gym. The facility would seat 5,000 (with concert seating 6,000) and would provide facilities for a variety of recreational sports.

Because of tight educational budgets, funds for this project will have to come from the students. The method of student-funded facilities has been implemented successfully at several universities, including San Jose State, throughout California.

A fee for the facility will be phased in over the next four years and by 1989 students would be paying \$30 per quarter for the facility.

With most student budgets at the low end of the economic scale, \$30 may seem like a lot of money; but keep in mind that current fees are stabilized and this cost will not be in addition to the traditional rise in student fees.

And look at it this way, that \$30 per quarter will buy two additional soccer/softball fields which would be located near the Health Center, a reorganized parking area and a much needed concert facility that would seat approximately 3,000 more people than the Main Gym.

Sanders is pushing the Student Senate to put a referendum on next election's ballot so students can decide whether they are in favor of and willing to fund this project.

If cultural and recreational events are to remain a part of this university system, students have to get involved. For the facility to even be a possibility the university must first have the approval of the student body. The *Mustang Daily* urges you to tell your school's senator that you are in favor of the facility and you want the ASI to approve the proposal.

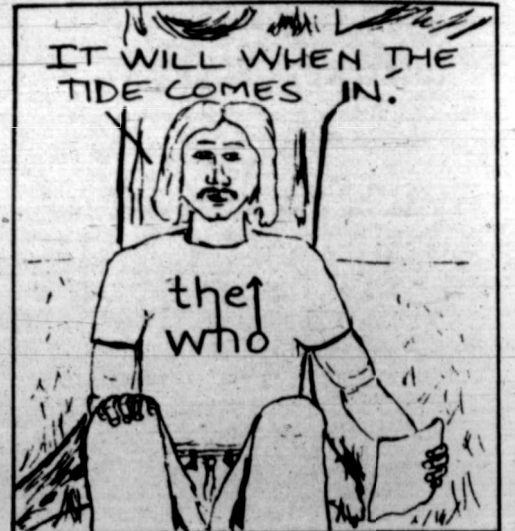
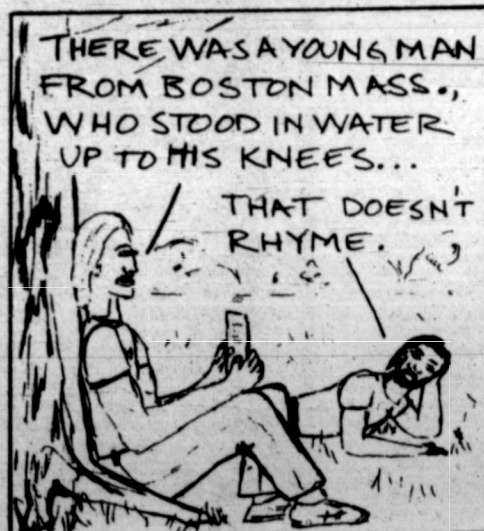
If it is going to take a sacrifice of \$30 per quarter to bring the type of events to this campus that you, the students, have made it clear you want, we request that when the facility is placed on student election ballots that you vote in favor of the issue.

You have a lot to gain. Come on guys, there's no such thing as a free lunch.

It's a SLO world



by John Kohlsaat



Watt panel thought biased

Editor:

On Thursday night I attended the symposium in Chumash Auditorium in which former Secretary of the Interior James Watt was invited to speak. I was shocked to witness the behavior of the panel. Their lack of dignity and respect for Watt and our community (as representatives of it) was appalling. I am ashamed that when we invite a prominent national figure to discuss important issues with us, the best we can come up with is a one-sided, confrontational, immature, belligerent and insulting group of individuals. With the exception of Dr. Roy Nakamura, who fairly presented his views with the intent of directing productive dialogue,

the panel acted childishly and opted for personal insults and barbing at the expense of meaningful discussion that would enable us to better understand the issues that are involved. These two members had no intention of discussing issues, but rather came to make cowardly attacks at Watt's character.

I applaud Watt for his composure and politeness. I would not have fared so well if I were in his position. Whether or not you agree with his policies, the man deserves courtesy and respect. The two panel members other than Dr. Nakamura have a lot of growing up to do, and I apologize (once again) to Mr. Watt for having to be subjected to their immature and unprofessional conduct.

Kirk R. Peterson

Student apologies to Watt

Editor:

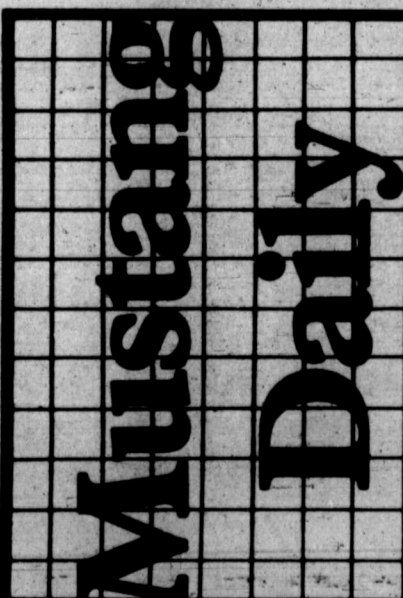
Last Thursday evening I attended the talk given by our former Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, and I feel that the panel discussion which followed the talk is deserving of a response. First of all, I would like to commend Dr. Roy Nakamura for his part and conduct in the panel discussion. While I disagree with his politics, I found Dr. Nakamura's comments appropriate, considerate, and showing a genuine interest at stimulating constructive dialogue. However, excepting Dr. Nakamura, I feel that the vague generalities and personal insults directed at Mr. Watt by the remaining

two members of the panel were totally inappropriate. By avoiding specifics and continually venting their personal dislikes for Mr. Watt, this unbalanced, one-sided panel lost any credibility or respect it may have salvaged from the discussion. Finally, I would like to extend my apologies to Mr. Watt for the rude and unbecoming behavior of both the panel and the portion of the audience who felt that booing, hissing, and cat-calling were appropriate. It embarrasses me to think that this is how Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo are represented to someone of Mr. Watt's stature, or any guest speaker for that matter.

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by David Klein



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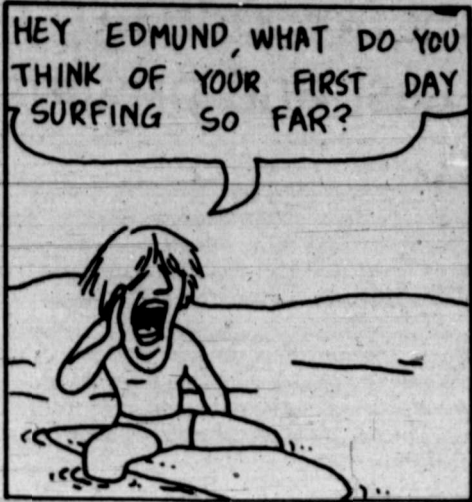
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Dorm Antics



by Steve Cowden

Professor returns from magnetic research trip

by Margarita Mills
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly physics professor returned from a research trip to Australia and New Zealand last week where he collected samples for his study of paleomagnetism.

Ken Hoffman made his 10-day visit to the Southern Hemisphere to collect 150 rock cores to use in his research of prehistoric magnetic field changes.

Hoffman explained that every million years or so the earth's magnetic field changes, sometimes completely reversing itself so the North Pole becomes the South Pole and vice-versa.

Hoffman published models of what might be going on in the magnetic field in 1977 in *Science Magazine* and in 1978 in *Nature*. Interest in the subject triggered the National Science Foundation to fund Hoffman's research, which began with a sabbatical in 1980 to Australia and New Zealand.

The thrust of the research is to understand what happens when the magnetic field changes.

Hoffman collected rocks from Akaro, New Zealand and the Liverpool range in Australia (200 miles north of Sydney) which will be used to determine the directions and intensities of magnetic changes by the sequence of lava flows. A seven-week trip to the area was made last year to gather the samples, but unexpected heavy rainfall made it impossible to gather all the necessary data. The past trip, the last one for this particular research project, allowed him to complete his collection of data.

There are several reasons for doing work in that region, Hoffman said. The main two are that Australia has the best-equipped paleomagnetic laboratories, and that it is necessary to get comparative samples from the Southern Hemisphere to understand the types of

complications involved in magnetic field changes, particularly when there is no apparent North or South poles. "The magnetic field intensity decreased 90 percent in the Northern Hemisphere and I want to see if it's the same in the Southern Hemisphere," he said.

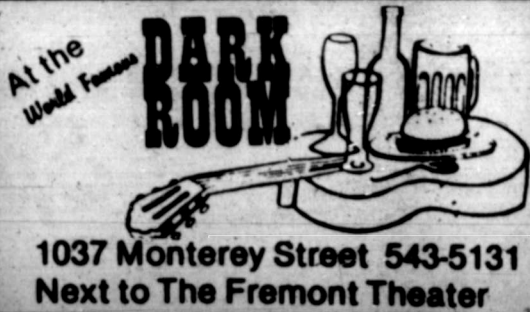
Research is continuing as Hoffman finishes measuring the magnetism of the rock samples with a magnetometer in his lab on campus. Hoffman noted that while he is not collaborating with anyone on the project, students help him process samples in the lab and government and university employees in Australia and New Zealand helped him in collecting samples.

Progress so far has shown what Hoffman expected. "Both sites (in Australia and New Zealand) show that as volcanoes were developing millions of years ago the magnetic field attempted to reverse several times," Hoffman explained.

Hoffman expects to know the directional results of his research by the end of next week, after measuring the magnetism in all of the samples. But to determine the intensity changes of the magnetic field will take longer. Hoffman projected a December date before reaching any conclusions.

In addition to trips to Australia, Hoffman has enjoyed traveling to different parts of the country to talk about his work on paleomagnetism and paleointensity.

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New play potpourri of theatre past and present

by Rebecca Prough
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly theater professor has written a musical play that will be performed on campus by students in May.

The musical comedy called "Histrioniks" was written by Dr. Russ Whaley. Whaley has been teaching and professionally designing sets and costumes for plays for 30 years. This is his second year teaching theater classes at Cal Poly.

Whaley said "Histrioniks" is a "musical tracing the development of theater from the classic Greeks until today." It is meant to be entertainment rather than a lesson, he added.

Whaley said when he began writing the musical, it was meant to be a stunt to parody established playwrights, but it kept rolling. He said when he wrote "Histrioniks" he didn't envision it ever being on stage. "I wanted to remind people something about the theater—what it was, where it came from, and maybe sometimes about where it is headed," Whaley explained.

"Histrioniks" is a musical review, a collection of songs and sketches. Whaley said the musical will be further developed through rehearsals. "The script is open to change," he said. "We are all putting our heads together to make something of this and we are all very excited."

Tryouts for "Histrioniks" are Feb. 28 and 29 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in room 212 of the music building. Approximately 25 to 30 people, including actors, musicians and technicians are needed for the company.

Whaley said the auditions are simple, and no preparation is required. He said auditioners should just wear comfortable clothes.

Dr. Michael Malkin, a speech communications professor, will direct the musical. Beth Freeman, an alumni from the Lake Tahoe area will be the vocal coach. Senior art student, Robert Coltrin, will choreograph "Histrioniks" and Howard Gee is the technical director.

Arlin Ober, a composer for film and television shows in Los Angeles, wrote the score for the musical. Ober is a friend of Malkin and has done other scores including the music for the movie "Eating Raoul."

Ober will come to Cal Poly one week before the show begins and stay for the six performances, May 6 through 17.

Whaley said that writing a musical is harder than writing serious drama. "Writing the lyric is difficult," he said. Writing comedy can be difficult when it deals with some factual material, he said.

"Comedy has to be funny when you write it, when you read it, and it still has to be funny when you hear it," Whaley said. After six weeks of rehearsals, the actors still have to think it's funny too, he added.

Though drama is a program in the speech communications department, the majority of students who participate in these plays are not from the department, Whaley said.

Whaley said, "Cal Poly's drama program is very fine because of student interest."

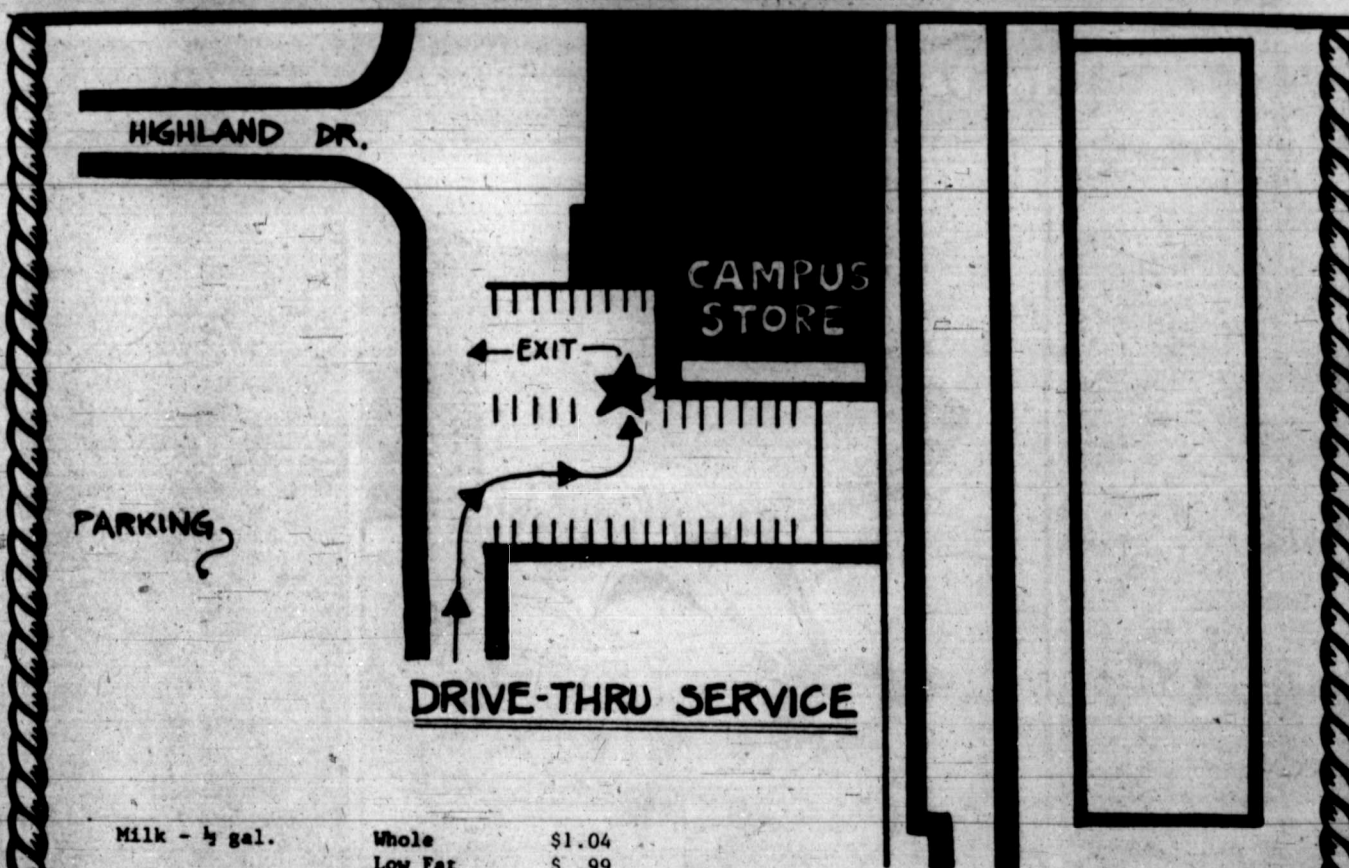
He said it takes a lot of energy for students to be involved in the production of a play. They work in the afternoons or rehearse at night for a period of five to six weeks.

"It's fun to see these things come alive, to develop in that period and I am very pleased with the students' curiosity and energy. It's exciting," he said.

Histrioniks means exaggerated, emotional behavior calculated for effect, Whaley said. "We think ('Histrioniks') is done with great wit, and we are very excited about it. Everyone is looking forward to a grand time."

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Man's animal treatment improves over 300 years

by Donald Munro
Special to the Daily

Man's attitude towards the treatment of animals has changed dramatically over the past 300 years, a Cal Poly professor said last Wednesday in a book review lecture.

"Man and the Natural World: A History of the Modern Sensibility," a social-historical work by Keith V. Thomas, was reviewed by English Professor Michael J. Wenzl.

The lecture was part of the series "Books at High Noon" sponsored by the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

In his book, Thomas attempts to account for the changing attitudes toward animals in England from the 16th century to the present, Wenzl said.

In Tudor times, man was regarded as the center and purpose of the universe, and cruelty to animals was common. Animals and plants were thought to have been created for man's enjoyment—domestic beasts were used to plow the fields, and wild animals were hunted for food or enjoyment.

This belief in man's right of absolute dominance over animals was known as human ascendancy and was in large part perpetuated by the church, Wenzl said.

"The right to subject animals to human control has

always had a religious foundation," Wenzl said.

Tudor theologians and philosophers argued that man is a rational thinking being with free will and an immortal soul—all qualities that animals lack, they said.

Over the years, the attitude toward animals began to change. A major factor was the increasing practice of domesticating animals such as dogs, hawks and horses.

Household pets were first kept by the aristocratic classes, and the custom spread quickly, with dogs becoming the most popular pet in England, Wenzl said.

Watt fends of panel attacks, answers audience questions

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"Watt says that we shouldn't believe the press, that the papers are enemies of truth. So as I go through a list of things Watt has said, keep that in mind, because I certainly hope that anyone holding high office wouldn't say such things," said Houseman.

A Republican, Houseman criticized Watt's carrying out Republican policies, such as running big deficits, opposing rights of local governments, building nuclear power plants where they were unwanted, showing favoritism with multi-national corporations, and breaking down the Freedom of Information Act.

Houseman also disagreed with Watt's past analogies of liberals and environmentalists as un-Americans and Nazi birdwatchers.

Houseman concluded posing the question, "Were all those errors just gaffs in your plans, or were you just screwing up all the time?"

Watt's only response was a reference to a quote that was misunderstood that the American Indian reservation is an

"example of failed socialism." Watt explained that he was not criticizing the mistreated Indians, but trying to point out their problems and the injustice they have received.

"Someday, someday we will have the compassion to realize what has been done to the American Indians and have the courage to give them a fair shake."

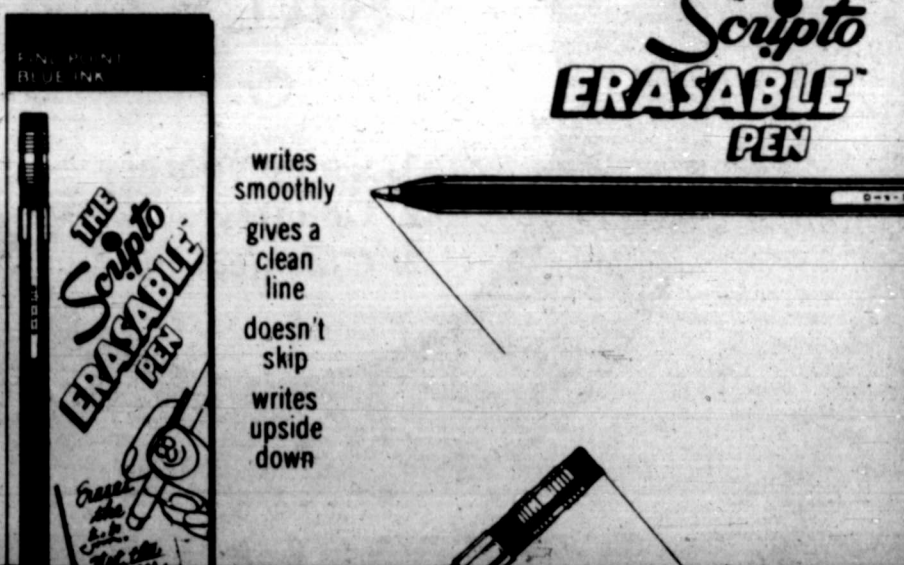
The final pannelist, biology professor Royden Nakamura, discussed the link between preservation and development as conservation. He also pointed out that certain segments of society receive more benefits from our national resources than other, such as big business.

Zeuschner then took questions from the audience which touched on energy, oil importation, coal and timber stripping, pollution and nuclear waste disposal.

Even though Watt had recommended several sites for nuclear power plants, he claimed he had no expertise in the field at all.

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Watt defends his policies supports successor Clark

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Ashbaugh brought up Watt's suggestion to build a nuclear power plant right next to a national park, calling it a "failure to exert stewardship and common sense."

"Well, did they build the plant there?" Watt asked.

"No," replied Ashbaugh, "luckily they refused your invitation."

"Well, then no damage was done, was there?" Watt said getting laughter from the crowd.

Another question from the audience was how Watt felt his replacement William Clark was doing as Interior Secretary.

"I'm extremely pleased with him. He's a fine, fine man...his programs are the same as mine, which will restore this country's greatness."

To this Houseman replied simply, "I think he's totally unqualified."

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—James Watt

Watt did not appear rattled or intimidated by his attackers, but some of his responses showed he was not pleased.

"We need to say a prayer for the students of this school if they have to face this every day," he responded to a criticism, which brought a round of cheers and applause. After one panel member used an obscenity to describe Watt's programs, Watt said, "I don't know how much a guy can take and still be polite."

Earlier in a press conference Watt explained his side of the events that lead to his resignation.

"My usefulness expired. I was an obstacle to Reagan's reelection. It was purely political... I just made a mistake. I made an insensitive statement against the handicapped. I apologized and it cost me my job."

"I came in as a revolutionary; we were the attack squad. I was out to change America. I got the job because I was quick and fast, and I have a quick tongue. I knew I'd go out the way I did."

Watt's distrust in the American press was apparent when he said, "I wish the media would present the facts, truth and honesty instead of psychoanalyzing personalities and trying to create conflict and stir up controversy... Good points are never portrayed."

Watt says he doesn't blame the press for his demise, at least not entirely. "I knew they'd finally get me. They were against us all along for changing the order of America in natural resource management. Only I thought they'd get me in 18 months and it took them 34."

During the press conference a tape recorder clicked off. "Does this mean our time is up? Want me to just flip the tape for you? See how much I help the press after all it's done for me?" he said laughing.

Watt said that except for his last unfortunate remark in office he had no regrets. "I was privileged to serve, although I'll never go back to public office."

Watt admitted that the reason he is touring as a speaker now and putting himself up for criticism again is solely for the money.

Watt revealed that his wife is writing a book about her side of her husband's experience called "Caught in Conflict."

"The whole first chapter is on the Beach Boys, which I had nothing to do with. I didn't say a word. I had never heard of them. It was a fabricated media event and there was nothing I could do about it, and all of a sudden Mrs. Reagan's on my case. I was a victim and all I could do was absorb the abuse," he claimed.

On the subject of the 1984 presidential election, Watt said, "There are two national political leaders that have the intelligence, capability, and charisma for the job, and those two people are Ronald Reagan and Jesse Jackson... but Jesse Jackson has the wrong philosophy for America. He's the Democrat's best leader, but I don't think the Democrats will put their best foot forward."

Watt plans to open a law office in Washington and write a book called "The Courage of a Conservative."

Watt thinks he will be remembered by history as "a man who had enough courage to bring significant change to restore the parks, to allow access to public lands and to create jobs and do what's right under the government."

After adjournment, Watt stepped off the stage to shake hands and was greeted by autograph seekers as well as some hecklers.

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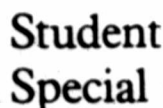
Both teams kept up a running game into the second half, where MacDonald unleashed the remainder of her game-high 21 points. Another bucket by Farmer brought her total game points to 16.

The final game for the Lady Mustangs is Thursday in the Main Gym against Cal Poly Pomona. Cal Poly will aim to end the season with a 7-5 conference record. Tipoff will be at 5:45 p.m. as the opener of a women's/men's basketball doubleheader.



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